

What is claimed is:

1 1. A serial digital signal transmission system comprising
2 a residual time stamp (RTS) generator circuit for separating
3 high definition television (HDTV) serial digital signals to be
4 transmitted into parallel data and time information residual
5 time stamps (RTSs) and transmitting them as separated, and an
6 RTS receiver circuit for receiving said parallel data and said
7 time information RTSs that have been transmitted and obtaining
8 said HDTV serial digital signals as they were originally,
9 wherein:

10 said RTS generator circuit has:

11 first frequency dividing means for dividing a network clock
12 into a prescribed first frequency,

13 a serial-to-parallel converter for subjecting said HDTV
14 serial digital signals to be transmitted to serial-to-parallel
15 conversion, transmitting data of the resultant parallel signals
16 and supplying a clock divided into a second frequency,

17 a first counter for dividing said frequency-divided clock
18 supplied from said serial-to-parallel converter into a 1/N
19 frequency, and

20 a latch circuit for latching at the output timing of said
21 first counter the clock resulting from the frequency division
22 by said first frequency dividing means to supply said time
23 information RTSs, and

24 said RTS receiver circuit comprises:

25 second frequency dividing means for dividing the frequency
26 of said network clock into said prescribed first frequency,
27 gate pulse generating means for generating a gate pulse

28 on the basis of said network clock,
29 memory means for temporarily storing said RTSSs which have
30 been transmitted,
31 a comparator for comparing the clock resulting from
32 frequency division by said second frequency dividing means and
33 said RTSSs read out of said memory means,
34 a gate circuit for gating the output signal of said
35 comparator on the basis of said gate pulse from said gate pulse
36 generating means,
37 frequency multiplying means for regenerating the clock
38 of said second frequency by multiplying the frequency of the
39 output signal of said gate circuit to said N-multiplied frequency,
40 and
41 a parallel-to-serial converter for receiving as its inputs
42 regenerated clock of said second frequency supplied from said
43 frequency multiplying means and data of said parallel signals
44 that have been transmitted, and subjecting these to
45 parallel-to-serial conversion to obtain said HDTV serial digital
46 signals, 8, 15 or 16 being selected as the value of said N.

1 2. The serial digital signal transmission system, as
2 claimed in Claim 1, wherein said first frequency dividing means
3 comprises a first frequency dividing circuit for dividing said
4 network clock into a frequency of 1/32 and a first p-bit counter
5 for counting clocks supplied from said first frequency dividing
6 circuit and obtaining a signal of said prescribed first frequency,
7 said second frequency dividing means comprises a second frequency
8 dividing circuit for dividing said network clock into a frequency

9 of 1/32 and a second p-bit counter for counting clocks supplied
10 from said second frequency dividing circuit and obtaining a
11 signal of said prescribed first frequency, said gate pulse
12 generating means is an M_q -2^(p-1) counter (where M_q is the largest
13 integer that does not surpass the average count M' of the clock
14 resulting from frequency division by 32 of the network clock
15 in N periods of the serial clock of HDTV serial digital signals)
16 for counting the clock supplied from said second frequency
17 dividing circuit and supplying said gate pulse, and said
18 frequency multiplying means is a PLL circuit for multiplying
19 the frequency of the output signal of said gate circuit to said
20 N-multiplied frequency.

1 3. The serial digital signal transmission system, as
2 claimed in Claim 2, wherein said memory means is a FIFO storage
3 whose read timing is determined by the output signal of said
4 gate circuit and said M_q -2^(p-1) counter is reset by the output
5 signal of said gate circuit.

1 4. A serial digital signal transmission apparatus
2 comprising a serial-to-parallel converter for separating high
3 definition television (HDTV) serial digital signals to be
4 transmitted into a parallel data and a first clock, a residual
5 time stamp (RTS) generator circuit for generating time
6 information RTSs on the basis of said first clock and a network
7 clock, an ATM cell processing unit for assembling said RTSs and
8 parallel data into asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) cells of
9 a prescribed structure and transmitting the assembled cells and

10 separating received ATM cells of said prescribed structure into
11 said RTSs and parallel data, an RTS receiver circuit for
12 regenerating said first clock as they originally were on the
13 basis of said separated time information RTSs and network clock,
14 and a parallel-to-serial converter for obtaining said HDTV serial
15 digital signals from said separated parallel data and said first
16 clock from said RTS receiver circuit, wherein:

17 said RTS generator circuit has:

18 first frequency dividing means for dividing said network
19 clock into a second clock of a prescribed frequency,

20 a first counter for dividing said first clock into a 1/N
21 frequency, and

22 a latch circuit for latching at the output timing of said
23 first counter the second clock resulting from the frequency
24 division by said first frequency dividing means to supply said
25 time information RTSs,

26 said RTS receiver circuit comprises:

27 second frequency dividing means for dividing the frequency
28 of said network clock into said prescribed frequency,

29 gate pulse generating means for generating a gate pulse
30 on the basis of said network clock,

31 memory means for temporarily storing said RTSs which have
32 been transmitted,

33 a comparator for comparing the clock resulting from
34 frequency division by said second frequency dividing means and
35 said RTSs read out of said memory means,

36 a gate circuit for gating the output signal of said
37 comparator on the basis of said gate pulse from said gate pulse

38 generating means, and
39 frequency multiplying means for regenerating said first
40 clock frequency by multiplying the frequency of the output signal
41 of said gate circuit to said N-multiplied frequency, wherein:
42 said ATM cell processing unit, besides selecting 8 as the
43 value of said N, multiplexes 180 bytes of said HDTV serial digital
44 signals on four of said ATM cells to generate ATM cells on whose
45 remainder of payload are multiplexed nine of said time
46 information RTSs corresponding to the 180 bytes of HDTV serial
47 digital signals.

1 5. A serial digital signal transmission apparatus
2 comprising a serial-to-parallel converter for separating high
3 definition television (HDTV) serial digital signals to be
4 transmitted into a parallel data and a first clock, a residual
5 time stamp (RTS) generator circuit for generating time
6 information RTSs on the basis of said first clock and a network
7 clock, an ATM cell processing unit for assembling said RTSs and
8 parallel data into asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) cells of
9 a prescribed structure and transmitting the assembled cells and
10 separating received ATM cells of said prescribed structure into
11 said RTSs and parallel data, an RTS receiver circuit for
12 regenerating said first clock as they originally were on the
13 basis of said separated time information RTSs and network clock,
14 and a parallel-to-serial converter for obtaining said HDTV serial
15 digital signals from said separated parallel data and said first
16 clock from said RTS receiver circuit, wherein:
17 said RTS generator circuit has:

18 first frequency dividing means for dividing said network
19 clock into a second clock of a prescribed frequency,
20 a first counter for dividing said first clock into a $1/N$
21 frequency, and
22 a latch circuit for latching at the output timing of said
23 first counter the second clock resulting from the frequency
24 division by said first frequency dividing means to supply said
25 time information RTSSs,
26 said RTS receiver circuit comprises:
27 second frequency dividing means for dividing the frequency
28 of said network clock into said prescribed frequency,
29 gate pulse generating means for generating a gate pulse
30 on the basis of said network clock,
31 memory means for temporarily storing said RTSSs which have
32 been transmitted,
33 a comparator for comparing the clock resulting from
34 frequency division by said second frequency dividing means and
35 said RTSSs read out of said memory means,
36 a gate circuit for gating the output signal of said
37 comparator on the basis of said gate pulse from said gate pulse
38 generating means, and
39 frequency multiplying means for regenerating said first
40 clock frequency by multiplying the frequency of the output signal
41 of said gate circuit to said N -multiplied frequency, wherein:
42 said ATM cell processing unit, besides selecting 8 as the
43 value of said N , multiplexes 5500 bytes of said HDTV serial digital
44 signals on 123 of said ATM cells to generate ATM cells on whose
45 remainder of payload are multiplexed 275 of said time information

46 RTSSs corresponding to the 5500 bytes of HDTV serial digital
47 signals.

1 6. A serial digital signal transmission apparatus
2 comprising a serial-to-parallel converter for separating high
3 definition television (HDTV) serial digital signals to be
4 transmitted into a parallel data and a first clock, a residual
5 time stamp value (RTS) generator circuit for generating time
6 information RTSSs on the basis of said first clock and a network
7 clock, an ATM cell processing unit for assembling said RTSSs and
8 parallel data into asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) cells of
9 a prescribed structure and transmitting the assembled cells and
10 separating received ATM cells of said prescribed structure into
11 said RTSSs and parallel data, an RTS receiver circuit for
12 regenerating said first clock as they originally were on the
13 basis of said separated time information RTSSs and network clock,
14 and a parallel-to-serial converter for obtaining said HDTV serial
15 digital signals from said separated parallel data and said first
16 clock from said RTS receiver circuit, wherein:

17 said RTS generator circuit has:

18 first frequency dividing means for dividing said network
19 clock into a second clock of a prescribed first frequency,
20 a first counter for dividing said first clock into a 1/N
21 frequency, and

22 a latch circuit for latching at the output timing of said
23 first counter the second clock resulting from the frequency
24 division by said first frequency dividing means to supply said
25 time information RTSSs,

26 said RTS receiver circuit comprises:
27 second frequency dividing means for dividing the frequency
28 of said network clock into said prescribed frequency,
29 gate pulse generating means for generating a gate pulse
30 on the basis of said network clock,
31 memory means for temporarily storing said RTSs which have
32 been transmitted,
33 a comparator for comparing the clock resulting from
34 frequency division by said second frequency dividing means and
35 said RTSs read out of said memory means,
36 a gate circuit for gating the output signal of said
37 comparator on the basis of said gate pulse from said gate pulse
38 generating means, and
39 frequency multiplying means for regenerating said first
40 clock frequency by multiplying the frequency of the output signal
41 of said gate circuit to said N-multiplied frequency, wherein:
42 said ATM cell processing unit, besides selecting 15 as
43 the value of said N, multiplexes 375 bytes of said HDTV serial
44 digital signals on eight of said ATM cells to generate ATM cells
45 on whose remainder of payload and RTS area of Segmentation and
46 Reassembly Protocol Data Unit (SAR-PDU) header are multiplexed
47 10 of said time information RTSs corresponding to the 375 bytes
48 of HDTV serial digital signals.

1 7. A serial digital signal transmission apparatus
2 comprising a residual time stamp (RTS) generator circuit for
3 separating high definition television (HDTV) serial digital
4 signals to be transmitted into parallel data and time information

5 residual time stamps (RTSs) and for transmitting said parallel
6 data and said them as separated, and an RTS receiver circuit
7 for receiving said parallel data and said time information RTSs,
8 wherein said RTS generator circuit has:

9 first frequency dividing means for dividing a network clock
10 into a prescribed first frequency,

11 a serial-to-parallel converter for subjecting said HDTV
12 serial digital signals to be transmitted to serial-to-parallel
13 conversion, transmitting data of the resultant parallel signals
14 and supplying a clock divided into a second frequency,

15 a first counter for dividing said frequency-divided clock
16 supplied from said serial-to-parallel converter into a 1/N
17 frequency, and

18 a latch circuit for latching at the output timing of said
19 first counter the clock resulting from the frequency division
20 by said first frequency dividing means to supply said time
21 information RTSs